

## Robin Shivers (1956-2009)

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Robin Shivers

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A tireless and beloved philanthropist, **Robin Shivers** was one of Austin music's patron saints. For nearly three decades, she volunteered with the **Seton Healthcare Network** and worked behind the scenes in the local music community, assisting others in ways that only she could. Shivers, 53, died unexpectedly on Monday night. The cause of death is unknown at this time. Her husband, businessman **Allan "Bud" Shivers Jr.**, the son of former Texas **Gov. Allan Shivers**, is in the Seton medical facility with pneumonia. "She was more than a visionary," remembers longtime friend **Susan Antone**. "She followed through and made her visions a reality. She was so creative, honest, and lovely; she had a way of doing things that were so helpful. I don't think I've ever known a better person." Shivers helped organize the annual **KLRU** fundraising concerts and managed **Loose Diamonds**, but most importantly, she helped create the **Health Alliance for Austin Musicians**, the local nonprofit that provides low-cost dental, medical, and mental health services to more than 1,000 Austin musicians. "Her life was a testament to giving back," wrote **HAAM Executive Director Carolyn Schwarz** in a statement Tuesday.